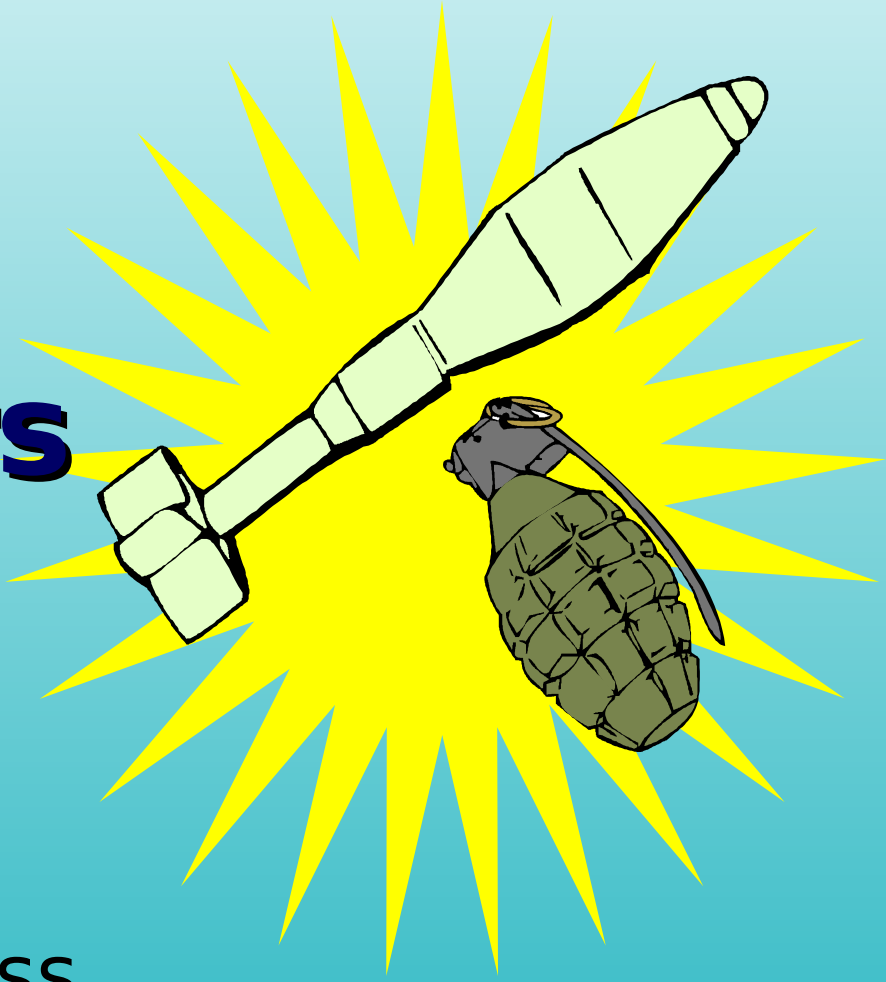
The Dangers of UXO



Community Awareness Information

For Parents and Teachers

What are UXO?

UXO stands for UneXploded Ordnance.

Ordnance refers to:

- tanks, helicopters, and ammunition

Unexploded ordnance includes ammunition and explosives such as:

- bullets, grenades, mines, bombs
- missiles and explosive devices

And more…

Some UXO are hard to identify

UXO comes in many shapes, sizes, and types.

Flares, simulators, and blasting caps look harmless, but they are all dangerous.

Don’t be fooled by the word “simulator.”

Size and age don’t matter.

- Small items can injure or kill.
- Old war souvenirs can be dangerous

Projectile, 105mm Fragmentation
Distance 1939 Feet

2.75 Inch Rocket Motor

Fragmentation Distance 1420 Feet

3.5-INCH ROCKETS (GROUND)

3.5 Inch Rocket Warhead

The DANGER is real!

While playing with UXO…

- A 16 year old was killed, and another teen critically injured.
- A 10 year old boy was killed.

Keep yourself and your children safe

Teach your children what to do if they encounter UXO:

- Recognize it.
- Retreat (Leave the area, the same way it was entered)
- Report it.

Recognize It

UXO may not look like a bullet or bomb.

UXO may look harmless, but they are all dangerous!

UXO may be shiny or rusty.

UXO may be clean or dirty.

Even though UXO hasn’t been moved for years, or you’ve moved it dozens of times, it may still explode.

Leave it alone.

Retreat

- Leave the area the same way you entered the area.
- Don’t touch UXO.
- Stay away.

Report It

Call 911

- Report UXO to your local law enforcement.
- Local authorities will clear the area.
- Trained explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) personnel will dispose of the item.

Be Safe

Remember UXO can kill.

Leave it alone.

Get away from it.

Report it to law enforcement immediately.

Keep your children and yourself safe.

Teach your children what to do if they find UXO

- Recognize it.
- Retreat: Leave the area the same way you entered the area.
- Report it.